## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Operating method and apparatus for operating an engine controller for an internal combustion engine, including operating in a first operating mode, acquiring at least one state variable (CL, Adap\_Fenst\_fac, Adap\_Fenst\_Add) of the internal combustion engine and changing over from the first operating mode into a second operating mode. The changeover from the first operating mode into the second operating mode take place as a function of the determined state variable (CL, Adap\_Fenst\_fac, Adap\_Fenst\_Add) of the internal combustion engine.